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WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY APPROVED A TRIP TO HAVANA BY NEW YORK ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN TO DISCUSS WITH CUBAN OFFICIALS POSSIBLE RELEASE OF PRISONERS FROM LAST YEAR'S ABORTIVE INVASION.

DONOVAN, WHO WORKED OUT THE SWAP OF CONVICTED SOVIET SPY COL. RUDOLF ABEL FOR U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS, IS COUNSEL FOR PRIVATE GROUPS IN THIS COUNTRY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE THE RELEASE OF 1,200 PRISONERS.

HE MET YESTERDAY WITH ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY TO DISCUSS HIS PLANS TO GO TO CUBA.

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